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SUBJECT: LEFTIST YOUTH DEMONSTRATE AGAINST GOVERNMENT AND  
STATE SECURITY COURTS  
1. GROUP CALLING ITSELF "DEMOCRATIC PATRIOTIC YOUTH ASSOC",  
APPARENTLY A FRONT FOR OTHER LEFTIST TURKISH YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS,  
OBTAINED PERMIT FOR MARCH AND RALLY TO PROTEST AGAINST STATE  
SECURITY COURTS. DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE WITHOUT INCIDENT  
DURING AFTERNOON OF SATURDAY, OCT. 9, FOLLOWING STANDARD  
ROUTE FROM BASMAHANE RR STATION TO CUMHURRIYET MEDANI (REPUBLIC  
SQUARE-OFTER CALLED ATATURK SQUARE BY ENGLISH SPEAKERS).  
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MALES OF HIGH SCHOOL-UNIVERSITY AGES, PERHAPS 10 PERCENT BY  
BANNERS AND PHYSICAL APPEARANCE MAY HAVE BEEN LABORERS;  
AMCONGEN OBSERVERS SAW NONE OF THE UNIONS CONVENTIONALLY  
REGARDED AS RADICAL. SMALL NUMBER OF MARCH CONTINGENT OBSERVED  
CARRYING BANNERS INDICATING THEY FROM OUTSIDE IZMIR PROVINCE.  
DEMONSTRATION APPEARED VERY WELL ORGANIZED AND CONTROLLED BY  
ITS LEADERS. HEAVY POLICE SECURITY FORCE IN EVIDENCE, BUT ITS  
POSITIONING APPEARED REFLECT STRATEGY OF AVOIDING PROVOCATION.  
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2. THEMES ON BANNERS AND PLACARDS REFLECTED ANTI-NATIONAL

FRONT GOVT ATTITUDES, OPPOSITION TO RENEWAL OF STATE SECURITY COURTS, AND THIRD WORLD ORIENTATION, I.E., "NEITHER RUSSIA NOR UNITES STATES--NONALIGNED INDEPENDENT TURKEY". TWO NOTE-WORTHY BANNERS ASSERTED "GREECE AND TURKEY SHOULD BECOME FRIENDS--DAMN US AND RUSSIA," AND "DOWN WITH THE FASCISTS IN TURK-IS AND DISK."

3. WHEREAS BETWEEN AUGUST AND OCT. 1975 IZMIR HAD EXPERIENCED SEVERAL LEFTIST DEMONSTRATIONS, THIS IS FIRST 1976 IZMIR LEFTIST DEMONSTRATION POST-SUMMER SEASON (APART FROM DISK-INSTIGATED LABOR STOPPAGES).

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